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1. RE NGO'S WHICH HAVE APPLIED FOR CATEGORY A RELATION-
SHIP, USDEL SHOULD:

(A) ABSTAIN ON WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (PARA 8). IN VIEW
OF DG'S FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION AND RECALLING EVENTS AT
87TH EXBD, WHEN BOARD REVERSED NGO COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDA-
TION BY ADMITTING WPC TO CATEGORY B MEMBERSHIP, IT IS MOST
PROBABLE THAT WE WILL BE UNABLE TO PREVENT CATEGORY A
STATUS FOR WPC. HOWEVER, SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT USDEL CAN
CLEARLY MUSTER ENOUGH SUPPORT FROM FRIENDLY STATES TO WIN,
USDEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST CATEGORY A STATUS. IN EXPLAINING
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ITS VOTE IN EITHER CASE, USDEL MAY STATE THAT WE CANNOT

SUPPORT ELEVATION OF WPC TO CATEGORY A RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE THE INDEPENDENCE NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH A TRUE NGO AND BECAUSE OF ITS OBVIOUS POLITICAL ORIENTATION.

(B) SUPPORT DG'S RECOMMENDATION NOT TO GRANT CATEGORY A STATUS TO THE TWO NGO'S DESCRIBED IN PARAS 9 AND 10.

2. RE NGO'S WHICH HAVE APPLIED FOR CATEGORY B RELATIONSHIP, USDEL MAY:

(A) SUPPORT DG'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON NGO'S DESCRIBED IN PARAS 13 THROUGH 15 AND IN PARAS 18 THROUGH 25.

(B) IN LINE WITH OUR POSITION AT 87TH EXBD, OPPOSE RECOMMENDATION TO ELEVATE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS IN TOURISM (PARA 16), ON GROUNDS THAT WORK PROGRAM APPEARS TOO LIMITED FROM POINT OF VIEW OF UNESCO INTERESTS.

(C) OPPOSE RECOMMENDATION TO ELEVATE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF SOCIAL TOURISM (PARA 17) AT THIS TIME. DESCRIPTION OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO ACTIVITIES ARE FUTURE ORIENTED RATHER THAN BEING A RECORD OF WHAT IT HAS DONE SINCE IT ACQUIRED CATEGORY C STATUS IN 1971. SOME OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL ASSOCIATION AND UNIVERSAL FEDERATION OF TRAVEL AGENTS ASSOCIATIONS, APPEAR TO HAVE PURELY ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

3. A. WITH REGARD TO ISSUE OF THE ELEVEN NGO'S WHICH HAVE FEDERATED THEMSELVES WITHIN INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES COUNCIL (PARAS 33-35), DG PROPOSES: (A) TO KEEP ISSC IN CATEGORY A RELATIONSHIP AND (B) TO MAINTAIN INDIVIDUAL STATUS OF ELEVEN NGO'S AS WELL. WE NOTE THAT DG'S LATTER RECOMMENDATION IS A REVERSAL OF HIS POSITION AT 92ND EXBD, WHEN HE USED ARTICLE II.4(B) OF THE NGO DIRECTIVES IN ARGUING AGAINST RETENTION OF INDIVIDUAL STATUS. IN REF DOCUMENT, DG DOES NOT EXPLAIN WHAT PROMPTED HIM TO CHANGE HIS MIND, NOR DOES HE CITE PER-UNCLASSIFIED

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TINENT ARTICLES IN NGO DIRECTIVES.

B. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THIS IS A UNIQUE CASE WHICH IS NOT COVERED PRECISELY BY ANY OF THE NGO DIRECTIVES. EVEN ARTICLE II.4(C) DOES NOT FIT THE SITUATION ENTIRELY BECAUSE TEN OF THE ELEVEN NGO'S ALREADY HAD B STATUS AND THE OTHER HAD C STATUS BEFORE THEY FEDERATED WITHIN ISSC. SIGNIFICANTLY, INTENT OF THIS ARTICLE'S LAST SENTENCE IS

THAT UNESCO SHOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF DIRECT COOPERATION
WITH NGO'S WHOSE ASSISTANCE IS ESPECIALLY DESIRED.

C. IN ABSENCE OF FULL INFORMATION ON WHAT MAY LIE
BEHIND THIS ISSUE, WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE PRECISE INSTRU-
CTIONS ON MOST DESIRABLE FORM OF RELATIONSHIP WITH NGO'S
IN QUESTION. RATHER, USDEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY OUR
OBJECTIVE TO SUPPORT MEASURES THAT STRENGTHEN INPUT OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES NGO'S AND, CONVERSELY, TO OPPOSE THOSE
THAT MAY BE INJURIOUS TO THAT INPUT. USDEL SHOULD
THEREFORE TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO REACH THIS
OBJECTIVE. IF AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION IT APPEARS
THAT DG'S CURRENT PROPOSALS ARE CONSTRUCTIVE, USDEL SHOULD
SUPPORT THEM. IF, HOWEVER, DEL IS IN DOUBT ABOUT THIS, IT
MAY ABSTAIN OR VOTE AGAINST, AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

4. USDEL MAY ALSO SUPPORT THOSE PARTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION
WHICH TAKE NOTE OF PARAS 27-30; 31 AND 32; AND 36-39. KISSINGER

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